

Toddlers

Small Group

November — Week 1

Small Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible Story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft elements that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft, you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.

Story Time

→ Tell It

Craft Time

→ Add the Room

THIS MONTH
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Today's Bible Story

Elisha's Room
2 Kings 4:8-17

Bottom Line

You can thank God for everything.

Memory Verse

"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart." Psalm 111:1 ESV

Story Time

What You Need

- ☐ Preschool Bible

Note

Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

① What You Do

→ Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story.

② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (**HOLD UP THE BIBLE**) begins with a man named Elisha. Elisha loved God and traveled all over, telling people about God.

"In one town, there was a woman who wanted to help Elisha, so she and her husband would give him food to eat. But then they wanted to help him even more, so they built a room for him on top of their house. They gave him a chair, a table, a lamp, and a bed. Elisha was so thankful that God gave him people to help him. God gives you people to help you, too! You can thank God for the people who help you because **[BOTTOM LINE]** You can thank God for everything."

Craft Time

What You Need

- ☐ "Add the Room" Activity Page
- ☐ "The Room" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Permanent marker

Notes

Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times.

Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

① What You Do

→ Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time.

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Add the Room" on cardstock, one per child. Copy "The Room" on cardstock and cut one cutout per child.
2. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to glue Elisha's room to the top of the house.
2. Clean hands as needed.

② What You Say

"Look at your paper, there's the woman and her husband who helped Elisha! They would give him food to eat when he came to town. But they wanted to help Elisha even more! So they made a room on top of their house with a chair, a table, a lamp, and a bed so Elisha could come and rest. Let's add Elisha's room to the top of their house. **(HELP RUB GLUE ON THE BACK OF THE CUTOUT AND HELP POSITION IT ON TOP OF THE HOUSE.)** Now pat it down to help it stick. **(PAUSE.)** Great job! Elisha thanked God for the people who helped him. You can thank God for the people who help you, too. **[BOTTOM LINE]** You can thank God for everything."